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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, PN, PQ, US
SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS OF 435TH PRC MEETING, JANAURY 4

1. DEPLOYMENT OF MP COMPANY: THE PRC TOOK UP AGAIN THE
MATTER OF AUGMENTING SOUTHCOM SECURITY FORCES BY ONE MP
COMPANY TO ENABLE MORE EFFICIENT IMPLEMENTATION OF
RECENTLY INCREASED SECURITY MEASURES. THE CINC OUTLINED
PRINCIPAL REASONS FOR THE REQUESTED AUGMENTATION WITH
WHICH THE AMBASSADOR AND GOVERNOR CONCURRED (SEE PANAMA
0064, EXDIS).

2. ICS CHARTER AMENDMENTS: THE AMBASSADOR TABLED PROPOSED
CHARTER AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED BY INFORMATION COORDINATING
SUBCOMMITTEE (ICS). PRC HAD NO SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEMS WITH
NEW DRAFT CHARTER, BUT CINC NOTED PROPOSED DOCUMENT WAS
CLASSIFIED DIFFERENTLY FROM CURRENT CHARTER. PRC AGREED
TO RETURN DRAFT CHARTER TO ICS FOR RECONSIDERATION OF
CLASSIFICATION ASPECT.

3. PANCANAL EMPLOYEES' BILL OF RIGHTS: GOVERNOR REFERRED
TO DECEMBER CONVERSATION BETWEEN AMBASSADOR BUNKER AND
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PRC PRINCIPALS REGARDING DECISION TO DISSEMINATE A STATE-
MENT DESCRIBING EMPLOYEE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES WHICH
NEGOTIATORS HOPE WILL BE INCLUDED IN NEW CANAL TREATY.
GOVERNOR INDICATED HE HAD FORWARDED COMMENTS ON PROPOSED
STATEMENT AND HAD SUGGESTED SOME MODIFICATIONS IN THE
INTRODUCTORY SECTION. HE SAID FINAL WASHINGTON APPROVAL
IS PENDING AMBASSADOR BUNKER'S CONCURRENCE BUT HOPED

THIS WOULD BE FORTHCOMING SOON. GOVERNOR WOULD LIKE TO
CONTACT CIVIC COUNCILS ABOUT THE EMPLOYEES' BILL OF
RIGHTS AT AN EARLY DATE.

4. GN INCURSIONS IN CANAL ZONE: THE GOVERNOR REFERRED
TO THE INCIDENTS HE REPORTED DURING PREVIOUS PRC MEETING
AND INDICATED THAT THESE DID NOT APPEAR TO INVOLVE
DELIBERATE PROVOCATIONS ON THE PART OF THE GOP.
INASMUCH AS A SENIOR GN OFFICER HAD APOLOGIZED, THE
GOVERNOR DECIDED NOT TO REQUEST EMBASSY TO FILE A FORMAL
DIPLOMATIC PROTEST.
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